

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an information retrieval apparatus for retrieving, from a database, information of a predetermined number in the descending order to degree of matching with the entered retrieving condition, in displaying the images corresponding to the results of retrieval, the size and position of the image are so determined that the image becomes larger in size and closer to the center of the display unit with a higher degree of matching whereby the degree of matching can be directly understood. Also within the positions of a same distance from the center, the display position is so determined as to minimize the overlapping with other results of retrieval whereby the results can be displayed in an easily observable manner.